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## **OREGON MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE POSSESSION**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Portland, Ore., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possession with intent to distribute a large quantity of cocaine.

**Margarito Guerrero**, 36, of Portland, was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Today's indictment alleges that **Guerrero** was in possession with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine on March 4, 2003. This indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed against **Guerrero** on Feb. 4, 2004.

**Guerrero** was arrested on March 4, 2003, when the tractor/trailer he was driving was stopped at a weigh station near Strafford, Mo. Law enforcement officers discovered 39 heavily taped and wrapped packages, containing a total of approximately 17 kilograms of cocaine, inside two large duffle bags laying on the floor beneath the bed in the sleeping berth area.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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